

Historic Sheridan Nurseries will be judges' first stop

Further to my column last time on the Communities in Bloom (CIB) binder/brag book, I thought I would give you an example of exactly what we are looking for.

Last Week Terry Lafond and I met with Larry Sherk, horticultural consultant with Sheridan Nurseries in Glen Williams, for the purpose of their information in this binder. They are also the first stop on our tour judging day August 1.

We want the judges and the public to know all about them.

Sheridan Nurseries was founded by two landscape architects, Howard and Laurie Dunnington-Grubb, who emigrated from England in 1911. They were disappointed with the lack of ornamental plants and perennials available in Canada at the time and decided to start a nursery.

They purchased 100 acres of land in a small town named Sheridan, now the corner of Winston Churchill Blvd. and the

Queen Elizabeth Way, and thus named their nursery, Sheridan Nurseries. They advertised in Europe for a nursery manager and Swen Herman Stensson, a gardener at Kew Gardens, and for the Crown Prince of Denmark, applied and was awarded the position.

In 1913, Stensson moved his family to Canada to manage the growing facility. All five of his children were active in the business until they retired.

Today, Herman's two grandsons, Bill and Karl, are president and senior vice-president of the business which has more than 800 hectares of growing area, including field, container and propagation facil-

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ities. Sheridan Nurseries is Canada's largest nursery and has seven retail garden centres and a new gift and garden boutique. Sheridan has been a good corporate citizen with involve-

ment in many innovative community projects from donations to the Georgetown Horticultural Society, the Georgetown Remembrance Park renovation, as well as an ongoing supporter of the Royal Botanical Gardens. For more than 20 years they have been the sole provider of plants sold at the annual Glen Williams town hall plant sale. They have also offered to participate in the Dominion Gardens refurbishment.



A 1983 aerial shot shows Sheridan Nurseries in Glen Williams.

We were amazed at the story of Sheridan, its vast size, friendly atmosphere and the dedication of their staff from Larry Sherk, a more than 27-year employee, to Serge Leclair, the new Georgetown store manager.

We are proud to have them in our community.

See you in the garden.

—By Dawn Falls, CIB

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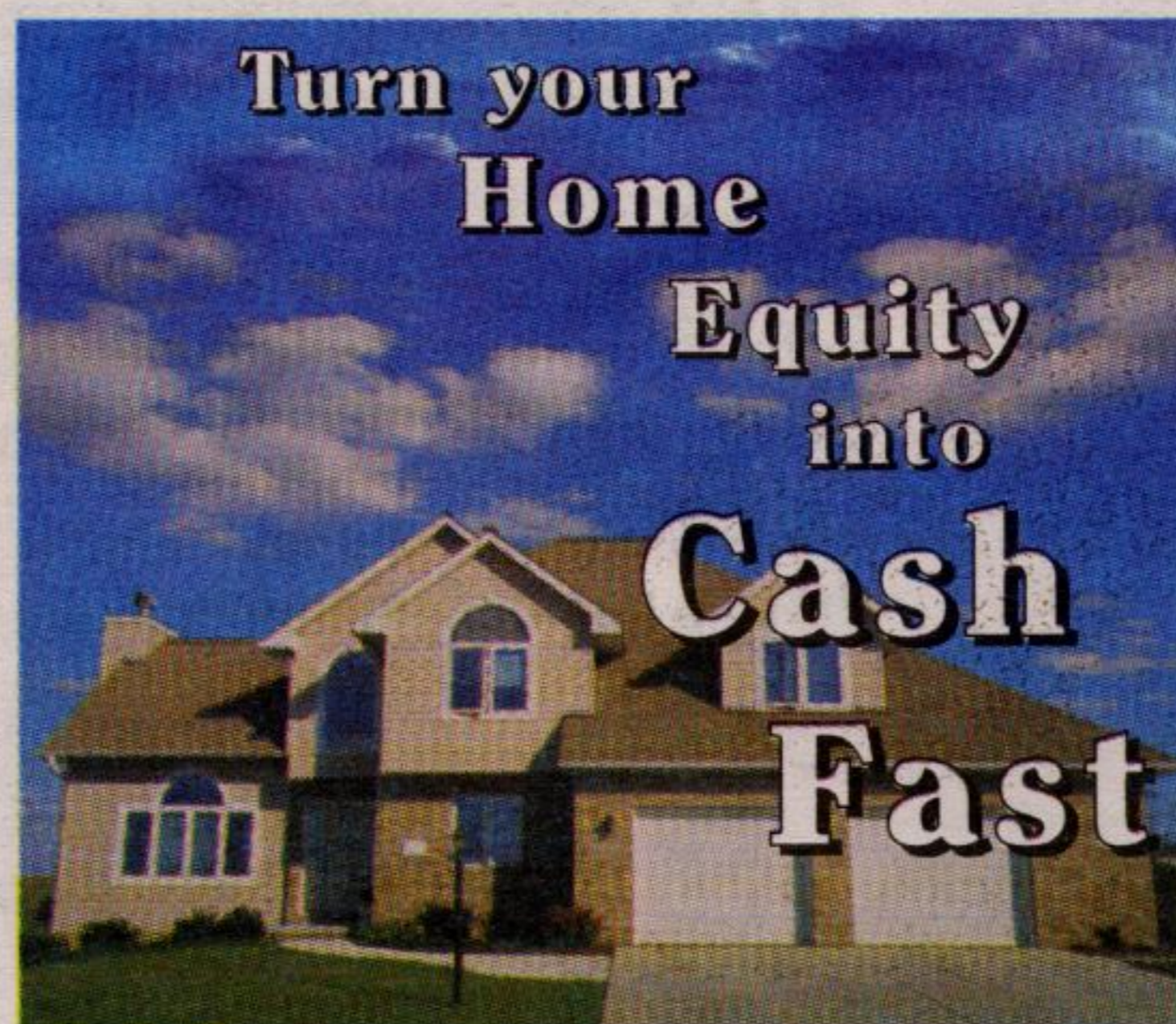


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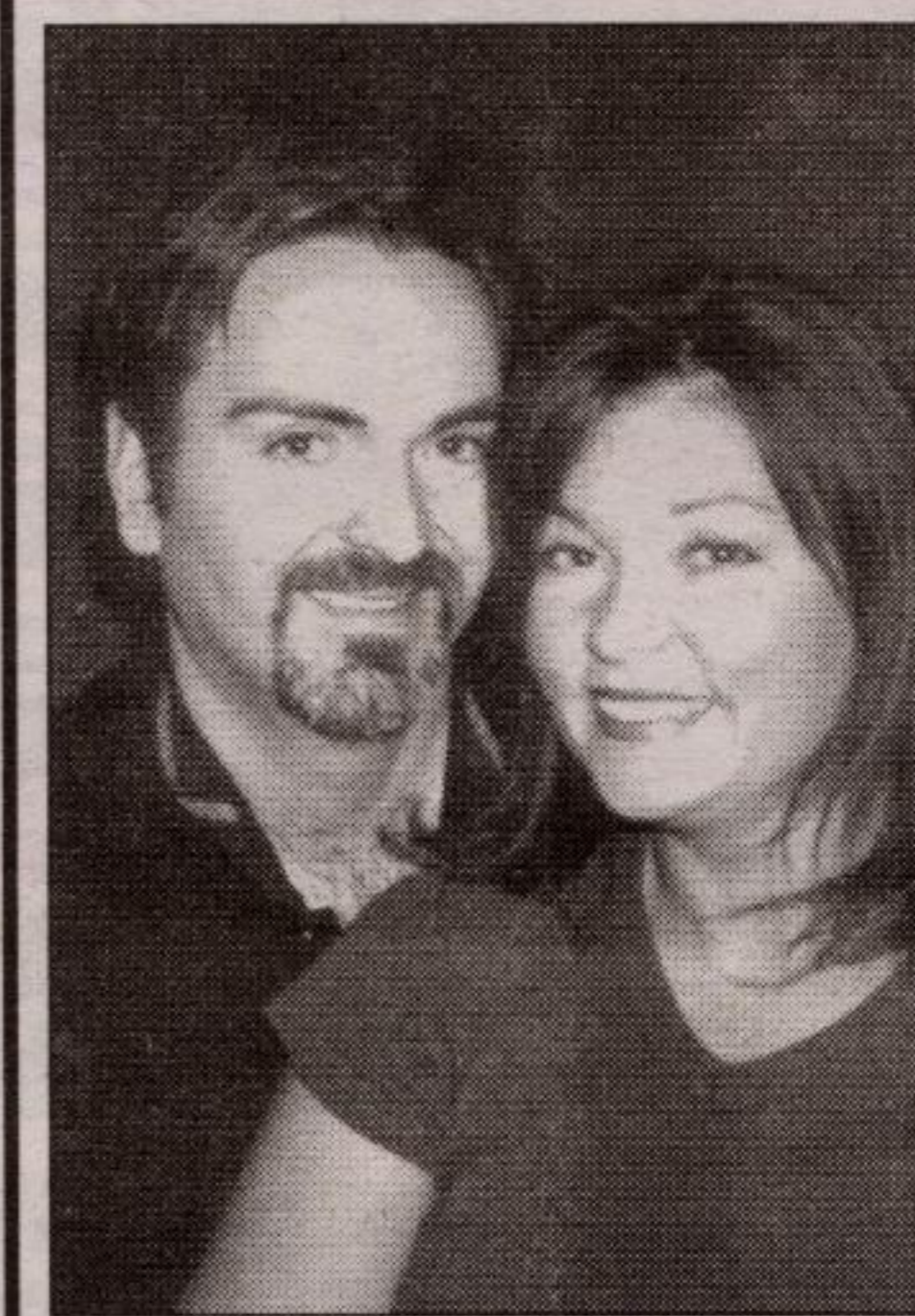
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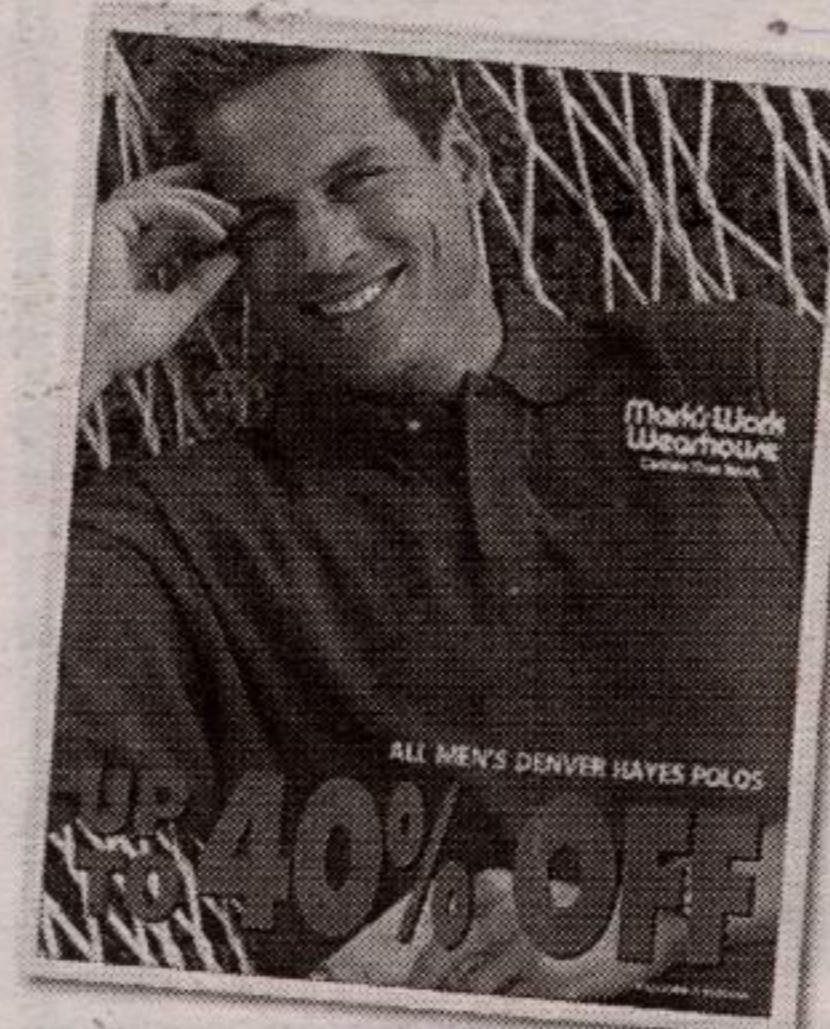
Ursula Eckert of Ballinafad is happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of her youngest son, **Stuart to Charlene Hewitt** of Winnipeg. A September wedding in Winnipeg is planned.

Billy Lagopoulos
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